

### **Attachment 3. Commercial Airtanker Return to Service Action Plan**

Step 1. Develop baseline inspection standards and data requirements in coordination with FAA. Issue baseline inspection standards and NTSB Safety Recommendation information call to vendors (6/1)

- Establish evaluation team and process for evaluation
- Create technical advisory team and communications capability to answer contractor technical questions in the appropriate format and assist contractors in expedited response

Step 2. Compile vendor responses and accomplish initial evaluation of existing aircraft & maintenance and inspection programs (upon receipt of sufficient vendor information) using FAA Designated Engineering Representatives (DER)

- Provide administrative and technical support as required
- Issue additional testing or inspection requirements if necessary

Step 3. Send evaluation packages to FAA for review

- Coordinate expedited evaluation process

Step 4. Send FAA review package to NTSB for evaluation against open safety recommendations

- Coordinate expedited evaluation process

Step 5. Upon receipt of NTSB and FAA notifications, make recommendations to Chief of the Forest Service and Director, BLM on contract decisions

- Ensure timely access to decision makers
- Notify contracting of pending decision, prepare return to service contracts

Step 6. Issue new contracts as required for demonstrably airworthy aircraft

- Expedited negotiation process
- Coordinate with Fire Operations for the most advantageous positioning of returned airtankers based on fire danger and predicted services estimates

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